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**COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION  
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE**  
NRS 281.511(3)

**COMMISSION PANEL: TIM CASHMAN AND MARK HUTCHISON**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION  
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF  
George C. Chachas, Mayor  
City of Ely**

**Request for Opinion  
No. 06-13**

On November 21, 2006, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission Panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein and all related documents. The Panel then determined that just and sufficient cause does exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mayor Chachas violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(1), NRS 281.481(2), NRS 281.501(2), and NRS 281.501(4).

Specifically, the panel found that just and sufficient cause exists for the full Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion regarding whether Mayor Chachas violated:

- NRS 281.481(1) when he sought to avoid the payment of disputed utility charges he owed to the City of Ely and when he used his position as Mayor to continue avoiding payment of the disputed fees thereby departing from faithful and impartial discharge of his duties.
- NRS 281.481(2) when he used his position as Mayor to veto the Ely City Council's decision to hire special counsel to pursue collection of the delinquent charges owed to the city by Mayor Chachas.
- NRS 281.501(2) when he failed to refrain from taking action as Mayor in the council action to hire special counsel to pursue collection of the delinquent fees he owed to the city and when acted in his capacity as Mayor to veto the council's action.
- NRS 281.501(4) when he failed to publicly disclose his personal financial interest in the issue of the city council hiring special counsel to collect the delinquent payments the Mayor owed to the City of Ely

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, REFERRED TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS for hearing on a date time to be determined.



L. Patrick Hearn, Executive Director

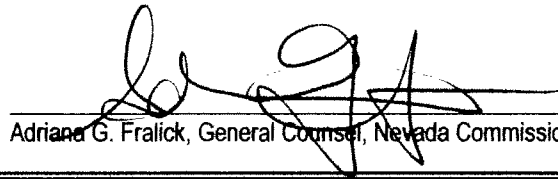
DATED: November 29, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in a Federal Express envelope and caused it to sent via overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

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Dated: November 29, 2006



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